

Important items to Gather and Remember for Your Appointment

When the loss of a loved one occurs, there are many decisions that must be made and information that must be gathered. Our goal is to make this process as simple as possible for the families we serve. The list below outlines some of the items necessary to complete the death certificate and obituary. Most of which will be needed when you visit the funeral home for the arrangement conference.

- Social Security number
- Insurance policies (if applicable)
- Date and place of birth
- Veterans discharge papers (DD-214 or Notice of Separation)
- Payment via credit card, cash, check or insurance assignment
- Father's name and birth state or country
- Mother's maiden name and her birth state or country
- Education
- Work history
- Church affiliation
- Organizations or memberships
- Place of final disposition
- Clothing, including undergarments
- Eyeglasses and jewelry
- List of six to eight pallbearers (if applicable)
- A recent photograph
- A collection of treasured photographs to illustrate your loved one's life

To help with the obituary:

- Special achievements
- Which papers you prefer and days you would like it to run
- Names of surviving relatives and cities in which they live (include parents, spouse, siblings, children, grandchildren, grandparents, etc.)